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REGION IX

215 Fremont Street  
San Francisco, Ca. 94105

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CERTIFIED MAIL #: P000579343  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Sanford McDonnell  
Chief Executive Officer  
McDonnell Douglas Corporation  
P.O. Box 516  
St. Louis MO 63166

RE: Groundwater contamination in the Tucson Airport Area,  
Tucson, Arizona

Dear Mr. McDonnell:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has spent public funds to investigate releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and other contaminants at the above-referenced site. This action is authorized by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, 42 U.S.C. §9601 et seq. (CERCLA) as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, Pub. L. No. 99-499 (SARA).

During its investigations, EPA has determined that a release of hazardous substances (as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA) has occurred in the Tucson Airport Area. EPA is therefore considering spending public funds to take corrective action for the control of actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and other contaminants in the Tucson Airport Area.

Under Sections 106(a) and 107(b) of CERCLA and other laws, responsible parties may be obligated to take actions that EPA determines are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment. Responsible parties are liable for all costs incurred by the government in responding to any release or threatened release at a site. Such costs can include, but are not limited to, expenditures for investigation, planning, site cleanup, and enforcement.

Based upon review of site records, analyses of groundwater samples from area wells, and other available information, EPA believes that you may be a responsible party for groundwater contamination in the Tucson Airport Area. You will receive special notice at a later date, at which time you will be given the opportunity to take part in negotiations regarding the conducting of remedial actions at the site.

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Please notify EPA, in writing, within fourteen calendar days from your receipt of this letter, of your willingness to discuss undertaking voluntary action to abate groundwater contamination in the Tucson Airport Area. Your letter should indicate the appropriate name, address, and phone number for the appropriate contact person in your company. Please forward your response to:

Kathleen Johnson, Assistant Regional Counsel  
Office of Regional Counsel  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 9  
215 Fremont Street  
San Francisco, California 94105

If you need further information, Ms. Johnson can be reached by phone at (415) 974-7451. If you do not respond within fourteen calendar days, EPA will assume that you have declined to undertake voluntary response activities.

Sincerely,



Jeff Zelikson  
Acting Director  
Toxics & Waste Management Division

cc: Office of Regional Counsel, EPA, Region 9  
Glyn Caldwell, Deputy Director, AZ DHS  
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